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**KELLY APPOINTED RIDOC SENIOR LEGAL COUNSEL**

**CRANSTON, R.I. – MAY 31, 2004** – A.T. Wall, II, director of the Rhode Island Department of Corrections today announced the appointment of Kathleen M. Kelly to senior legal counsel for the department.

The position was vacated by the promotion of Patricia Coyne-Fague to chief legal counsel late last year.

Kelly is transferring from the Attorney General's Office, where she served as a special assistant attorney general. Her duties included preparing criminal cases for trial, researching and writing legal memorandums and presenting witnesses and testimony at pretrial, trial and post conviction phases of prosecution. She is also an adjunct professor at the Community College of Rhode Island, teaching criminal law, constitutional law and paralegal studies.

"I am delighted to be adding someone with Ms. Kelly's qualifications to the department's legal unit," stated Director Wall. "Our legal staff carries a diverse and complex caseload that I am sure will provide endless challenges for Ms. Kelly."

The Office of Legal Counsel provides legal representation and consultation for the director, administrators and other employees of the DOC in a variety of cases and forums. Staff attorneys represent the interests of the department and its personnel in federal and state court actions, administrative tribunals and grievances and arbitration proceedings. Also, a staff attorney serves as the departmental legislative liaison. The office does not represent inmates.

Kelly's appointment is effective immediately.

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